

**Exhibit Opening**  
**Friday, January 8, 2016**  
**7pm to 9pm**

# **“Beautiful Cleveland”**

**Jackson Koch, Photographer**  
**Julie Cook, Acrylics & Mixed Media**  
**Michelle Drackett, Photographer**  
**Bill Naiman, Photographer**

**Treat yourself to a lovely evening and come to the opening of this exhibit on  
Friday, January 8, 2016 from 7pm to 9pm**

**There will be art, food, drinks and great people.**

***Free public event all visitors are welcome !***

***A percentage of the sales benefit the gallery.***

***Exhibit Opens on January 8, 2016 and closes on March 6, 2016***

## ***Jackson Koch***

***The essence of photography is capturing emotion.***



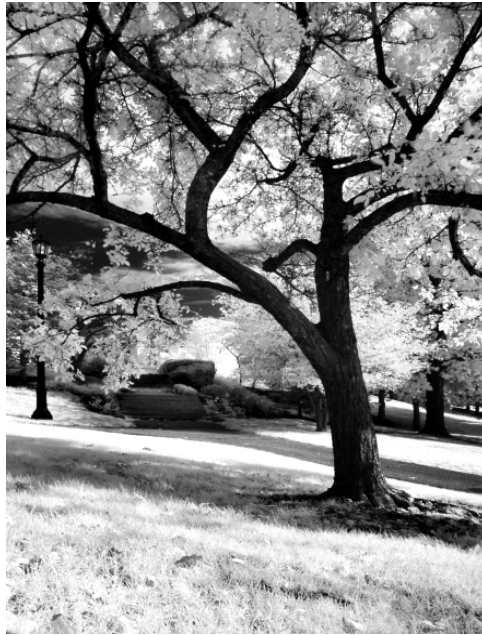
I am a free-lance photographer residing in Avon Lake, Ohio and have lived in the Cleveland area all of my life. Having been exposed to photography at a young age by an artist, the emphasis was more about a means of expression rather than the mechanics of a camera. As a result, the artistic element of photography remains a great influence for me. Raising a family and balancing a career put my photographic aspirations on hold until later in life when I joined an organization that sought to save - undeveloped land in my community with the intent to create a Metropark. An opportunity to raise money by selling photographs taken from this area rekindled the passion and eventually encouraged me to pursue photography on a professional basis. The evolution of digital photography has provided a framework to explore different interpretations and methodology. The boundaries of creativity are endless. My passion has always been landscape photography and capturing the abundance of natural beauty. However, I like to experiment with many different styles of expression and not settle on any one particular approach. I am currently a member of Western Reserve Photographic Society and exhibit frequently in their photography shows. In addition, I have been fortunate to be accepted into several juried art exhibitions including Firelands Association of Visual Arts (FAVA), Bay Arts, and Valley Arts Center where I have earned awards for some of my images.

## Julie Cook



Julie Cook is a self-taught artists who mainly works in acrylics and mixed media. Julie grew up in Lyndhurst Ohio. Julie and her husband raised their family in Madison and still reside there. They are in the country so nature surrounds her and she enjoys it and finds it inspiring. Julie loves to experiment with paint and products and see what new textures or techniques she can learn or develop. Although she uses a brush, she also uses sponges, scraps of wood, plastic, trowels, recycled packaging material and a variety of other items. She often uses techniques and tools she has used in faux finishing of walls and furniture. She is inspired by God's creation and realizes that He has given her creative ability. Julie's artwork is in private residences not only in the area but also overseas.

## Michelle Drackett



Michelle Drackett currently resides in Mayfield Heights, Ohio and has been a member of the Western Reserve Photographic Society since 1993. With over 20 years of experience behind her, Michelle has accumulated a wealth of award winning imagery. She has received awards from PSA, WRPS, NEOCCC, Lake Communicators and Geauga Maple Festival, to name a few, for her excellent and creative work. Her work has been exhibited at The Art Essence Gallery, Art Gallery for Collectors, Willoughby Hills Community Center Art Gallery and Lightkeepers Gallery. You may have seen her work in numerous publications such as, I Love Cats, Lake Metroparks, NARDA News, Willoughby Recreation and Lake County Economic Resource Guide and several others...Michelle enjoys travel and nature photography but has been doing more recently in and around Cleveland. She has also made available poster-sized collages featuring iconic imagery from areas rich in architecture and history. Collages are available for the Ohio cities of Painesville, Willoughby, Mentor, Chardon, Chagrin Falls and Little Italy (Murray Hill).

## Bill Naiman



Bill Naiman is a lifelong resident of Northeastern Ohio. He grew up in Cleveland Heights and currently resides in Olmsted Falls. Bill's formal education is in computer science/computer engineering earning both undergraduate and graduate degrees from Purdue and Cleveland State, respectively. He was a high school and college athlete and has remained physically active ever since. After working in private industry for ten years, Bill joined NASA for the balance of his very rewarding professional career in the information technology field.

After retiring in 2012, Bill has become an avid photography enthusiast and takes advantage of a wide variety of shooting opportunities both locally and those requiring travel. He loves to shoot sports, city scenes, ballet, landscape, macro, and hopes to do more wildlife photography in the near future. A favorite day for Bill is going on a long hike in a spectacular setting with a loaded backpack of food, water, and of course a camera and couple of lenses.

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***Gallery Hours***

***Monday - Thursday 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.***

***Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.***

***Saturday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.***

***Sunday CLOSED***

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